

Recent Operations

By Paul Rardin

68 Seniors In List For Graduation At Pahokee This Year

Largest Group In History
Of Pahokee School
To Graduate

I lived in a county in West Virginia during the time when the high sheriff accounted for all the deaths during his first year in office. An average of one every couple of weeks. "White lightning" or "corn likker"—call it what you will—was as bad as the water of the river in the same locality. There were some kind of joints there where you could buy the illicitly distilled stuff—but they weren't called joints. They were saloons. Some joints were always trouble spots—seas of some of the aforementioned murders.

For several years I lived in that country. I knew it was sorta rough in spots—everyone knew that. You didn't expect anything else in a coal mining section where a dozen different languages were spoken and differently colored people spoke side by side in the bowels of the earth hunting the bituminous product.

Things happened. People died and people died. Fortunes were made and fortunes were lost. One day there came opportunity for a better job with more pay elsewhere. I left. Those folks have gone along since then, still mining, still digging coal, making coal, still digging their own lives attending to their own business—digging coal—making money—giving up their health and then—no one drinking home-made corn likker—if they want it.

Years passed and I found a quiet little town in Central Florida—a town which had been built around this community. Doing all right, thank you! And then one day this week I picked up a copy of the Saturday Evening Post and found out about the "Jook Joints" in the Everglades. And from the story that section is indicated with "Jook Joints" in the most despicable places this itself.

I was down for several months that the article was to be printed sometime this spring. I had a letter from the author who wanted me in which he sought my assistance in securing pictures of one of the jooks in action—on Saturday night when money was free—but I wanted no part of the publicity stunt.

I know the story will do this area no good. It can't. The pictures are something that will create in the minds of the average person a very distorted effect. I'd rather the whole thing would not have appeared in a magazine with the circulation of the Saturday Evening Post.

Despite the fact that the federal government has spent many millions of dollars erecting Farm Security Administration camp for migrants, there are still many migrants who continue to live in indescribable squalor in ramshackle camps, tin and burp shacks, broken down trailers, old automobiles and the screaming junk joints."

One picture shows two negroes at a table in a jook joint and the caption says the jook is their escape from absolute hell. America's rural sharecroppers' picture shows negroes engaged in their widely known game of "skin."

If, instead of this, we here allow this sort of thing to go on, we can't kick too much when some energetic free lance writer happens along and pens a story much to the liking of the publishers of some nationally circulated magazine.

Since appearance of the article I've heard a great deal of comment about its results. Men have said that one of the article's main points is that they were fully cognizant of the conditions. In every case the answer has been identical—"I don't know."

ATTEND MEETING
Mrs. M. F. George, Mrs. J. H. Bordeaux, Mrs. D. McElvee, Mrs. A. Q. Howell and Rev. S. B. Jordan attended the Palm Lake W. M. F. Association meeting and Board of Directors meeting in Delray Beach Thursday.

LAKELAND VISITORS
Mr. and Mrs. H. Grimes of Lakeland were the overnight guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bordeaux of Canal Point.

Miss Jameson In Organ Recital

Land, April 24—Miss Sarah Elizabeth Jameson, piano student at Stetson University from Belle Glade, was heard in her senior organ recital at the local institution, Tuesday night, April 22, at 8 o'clock. Miss Jameson, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, is a major in Music Education at Stetson. She is the daughter of music degree holder June. The young organist has been active in numerous campus organizations during her undergraduate years. She was assisted in her recital by Miss Jane Smith of Orlando, Mrs. Peter and Miss Editha Pedersen of St. Petersburg. Sister, Miss Elizabeth Jameson, is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. J. O. Jameson of Belle Glade.

Denis Caudill, principal of Pahokee high school announces a class of 65 students in the Senior class who will be graduated this year. This is the largest class ever to be graduated from a Glades institution of learning and is four more than were the 1940 graduating class. Out of the 65 students, 10 did not receive a diploma unless their work showed a decided improvement during the next few weeks.

Among the candidates for graduation are 35 girls and 30 boys. The 65 students around the lake are represented. Pahokee leads the list with 30 students; Belle Glade, 18; Canal Point, 12; South Bay, 4; Lake Harbor, 2; Chokoloskee, 1.

Principal Caudill announced the usual activities in keeping with the close of school will begin with the Junior-Senior banquet on May 2. Commencement will be announced at a later date. County Superintendent, John L. Leonard.

Members of the Senior Class are as follows: James Allen, Winton Anderson, Charles Baker, Moye Bradford, Francis Cross, Tom Davis, V. E. Dickey, Walter Fife, Cecil Gray, Robert Guler, Laymon Hardy, Jiminy Hopkins, Audie Hooks, Leon Hurst, Robert Jones, Henry Kilpatrick, Elmer Maxson, J. W. Mullis, Timothy Mulligan, John Nease, John O'Farrell, Jordan Parkers, Clinton Pease, Robert Rashay, Edwin Rice, W. L. Stevans, Clifford Todd, Marvin Vanderpool, Robert V. Weiske, Carl Williams, Whitel Streeton, The Misses Dorothy Jean Avner, Ann Bartlett, Vivian Cross-Brown, Ethel Gandy, Edna Gandy, Melvin Merriam, Anna Tremont, Dorothy Tiffen, Mrs. E. C. Wadsworth, Doris Weller, Odessa Whidener, Beatrice Williams and Kathryn Wilson.

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The bus was one of the finest pieces of equipment ever to be owned by the school and is the result of efficient and courteous drivers.

The bus was at Pahokee at the appointed time and stood ready in St. Petersburg for the return trip which was made on schedule.

That bus Principal Denis Caudill of Pahokee schools received a letter from the president of the transportation company in which all had charged had been supplied for the use of the bus. Naturally, this splendid news was warmly received by the band and friends of that organization.

In the letter Mr. Whiting commented on the "exceptional behavior of the group of youngsters" and noted that they "took unusually good care of the bus equipment," therefore all charges were canceled.

Since the Tamiami Trail organization started operating in the Lake Okeechobee Region the company employees, through their splendid service, have won for that organization the friendship and co-operation of business houses in the area. No amount of credit is given to the general manager of the concern, Mr. M. Mobley, who at all times has done everything possible to render a full and efficient service to those who take advantage of the TT's transportation facilities.

At the Auditorium of the Adult Sunday School class of the Canal Point Baptist Church is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bordeaux on Monday evening, April 22.

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A refreshment committee served ice cream and cake to the following members and guests: Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. George, Mrs. A. Q. Howell, Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Grimes of Lake Worth, Beattie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bordeaux.

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Market Opening
Delayed To Fall

The Pahokee Farmers' market, which has seen stormy days since construction work started many months ago, will not be opened until next fall, it has been announced by officials in charge.

Plans were made to open the market in early October, but the lack of work and a dearth of vegetables necessitated a postponement.

State road department employees are buying this week rockling to lay the foundation for the market. The general admission will be 50¢ and reserved seats may be had for a small additional charge. Fights are scheduled regularly for each Monday night.

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YOUNG DÄNE HONORED

Adrian Duane, Pahokee High

school graduate, now an Agricultural Department student at the University of Florida at Gainesville, is one of the seniors who has been recommended for election to Phi Kappa Phi a high scholastic honor.

SHERIFF DESERVES SUPPORT

Sheriff Baker's drive against illegal sales of intoxicants in Palm Beach County should be welcomed by law-abiding liquor dealers as well as by all good citizens.

Conditions resulting from the sale of intoxicants on Sunday, especially in the Glades section, have become such as to make stricter regulation necessary if public sentiment is to be satisfied.

A majority of the municipalities in the county have exercised their power in this respect, but so long as places outside town limits are permitted to operate without regard to law no great improvement can be expected.

The job of policing the entire county is a big one but when dealers in intoxicants once learn that the sheriff means business this shouldn't be necessary. Cooperation on the part of the public and local officials could make the task of the sheriff's department much easier.

Liquor dealers who abide by the law would also find it to their interest to lend a hand. After all, the voters have the power to vote out legalized liquor traffic, as has been done before. Unfortunately for the industry it is judged by its worst elements rather than by the best.

Too much floating of the laws enacted to regulate the liquor business can have but one result in the end. And when the public becomes sufficiently aroused, the innocent must suffer along with the guilty.—Palm Beach Post.

U. S. S. C. Host To Visiting Editors

On Tuesday, April 29, the United States Sugar Corporation in which the state has a 20 percent interest, will host the National Editors Association who began their annual convention in Florida, April 21, at Jacksonville.

Of the five editors to be taken on a tour of the State by the Florida Press Association, one section will go to Cuba and another section will continue the tour, coming over Road 26 from Fort Lauderdale to Miami, where a barbecue and other entertainments will be provided by the sugar corporation. It is not definitely known how many will be here, but 200 are expected.

The annual program, arranged for participants who work with the company, will carry with it prizes. Athletic events, racing, jumping, sack races, buck and foot racing, are the program for the day. Workers from the three plantation villages in the Eastern Division will take part in the contests.

This week brings to an end the greatest harvest season in the history of Everglades Sugar plantation. The production standpoint of sugar produced but lacks a couple of days of lasting as long as the 1938-39 season.

About end of season events in the Western Division The Clewiston News comments as follows: "In the Western Division where there are many more villages each with its own plantation, the contests on Friday and winners of field events in each will meet in Town Saturday morning at ten o'clock for the final events. Both days will be crowded with activities for the colored laborers."

In addition to the usual program of cash and merchandise which are given winners of the field events.

Expect More Acreage Next
Year For Celery &
Leaf Vegetables

The advisory committee of the Pahokee Farmers' Market with Market Manager John A. Dunn, Timur and Elizabeth Dunn and members of the National Education Association who began their annual convention in Florida, April 21, at Jacksonville.

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It is thought that location of such a plant at the Pahokee Market will be a great deal of help to the area and money now spent to haul their products to a pre-cooling plant.

The facilities of the new market will be greatly enhanced by installation of a pre-cooling plant, according to those who participated in the discussion.

It is thought that the acreage planted to celery and leaf crops in the Pahokee and Clewiston areas will be increased next season.

With the increase in the area, more money will be spent to haul their products to a pre-cooling plant.

The greatest need at present is to extend and improve the system of drainage canals so they are capable of caring for surface drainage during peak rainfall periods.

Should he resign within the next month, Mr. Dunn will be replaced by Mr. John B. Bowles, who will be elected at the coming election. Should he wait until the time of his departure for army camp a special election will have to be called to fill the vacancy.

NAMES WINNERS

Popularity contest winners will be announced at the South Bay Ninth Grade party planned for the evening of April 29, the second and third weeks of school, president of the class, appointed Ruth Barstow, Thelma Aly, Helen Ratley, Quinon Walker, Franklin Martin and Marguerite Wood as committee in charge of arrangements.

NEW LAUNDRY

Paul Davison is to erect a new laundry plant in Belle Glade for which a building permit has been issued.

Johnwick Announces S.B. Honor Roll

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Sunday Liquor Sales Must Stop In Glades, Says Sheriff Baker

Complaint of Growers Is Given As Reason For
Enforcing State Law Which Prohibits Sun-
day Sale of Intoxicants.—Jooks Joints Are
To Be Closely Watched For Infringements,
The Sheriff Points Out.

Field Day Program Canal Point School Will Be Held May 2

Many Interesting Events Scheduled For Next Friday

The Canal Point school is making plans for the annual field day exercises next Friday, May 2 on the school grounds for convenience of different size pupils, regardless of their grade.

Events scheduled for the boys are Chipping, Discus Throw, Rope Climbing, One-mile race, relay race, legged race, Broad jump, Basketball, throw; Quarter-mile run, The girls have events scheduled for the day: Basketball throw; Pole Vault, Relay race, Broad jump, legged race, relay race, Broad jump.

The boys and girls have been practicing these events at the school this week.

Prizes will be selected from the patrons of the school for the events on Field day.

Report cards for the Fifth Period of the school year will go out on Friday, May 2, and parents are asked to look carefully upon these reports, as the school term is drawing near to a close.

If Johnny or Mary is near the line in the various sports, will be necessary to put forth more effort for the remainder of the year, as she or he may get a pass for the next journey upon the completion of education.

The Palm Beach County Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock in West Palm Beach, at which time the Canal Point School will be represented by the successful winner of the school contest, who is the eighth grader. Edna Gandy, representative of the South-Mainate Crate company and has a host of friends who will wish him success in his first political venture in Pahokee and its vicinity.

Mr. Tilly is proprietor of the Home Town Bakery and is making his first venture in Pahokee politics. He is a wide circle of friends and has a host of friends who will wish him success in his first political venture in Pahokee and its vicinity.

Mr. Waring is well and favorably known in the Lake Region having been a resident here many years. He is a long-time member of the Lake Region Master Crate company and has a host of friends who will wish him success in his first political venture in Pahokee and its vicinity.

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Sheriff L. R. "Jack" Baker is going to "clamp down the lid" on Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor at roadside inns in this county, and is going to enforce strict regulations on "Jook Joints," particularly in the Lake Okeechobee Region, in order to stem a stampede in the Miami Herald on Tuesday of this week under a West Palm Beach date line.

The story said that the sheriff's actions were brought about by complaints from growers in the county that the workers, after drinking at the jooks through Saturday night and Sunday morning, remained closed until midnight Sunday night. The sheriff said that his authority to close liquor stores, outside of the broad jurisdiction of the state, which said that liquor stores could not be open after 12 p.m. Sunday, remained closed until midnight Sunday night. The sheriff said that his authority to close liquor stores, outside of the broad jurisdiction of the state, which said that liquor stores could not be open after 12 p.m. Sunday, remained closed until midnight Sunday night.

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